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Editorial

National Cardiac Societies Journals Almanac 2012 is a joint publication of the Editors' Network which called for educational initiatives to be extended throughout all interested National and Affiliated Cardiovascular Journals of the European Society of Cardiology. The Editors' Network is a task force of the European Society of Cardiology (ESC) representing the 44 National Society Cardiovascular Journals that are published across 37 countries.

The Almanac is a good example of collaborative research which aims at the diffusion of scientific research across member countries. The word, "Almanac" is derived from the Middle English word, "almenak," from the Medieval Latin word, "almanach," and also perhaps from the Late Greek word, "almenikhiaka", and is defined as an annual calendar containing important dates and statistical information.

In March 2012 the Egyptian Heart Journal published the special issue National Cardiac Societies Journals Almanac 2011 which was comprised of six topics: valvular heart disease; cardiomyopathies; cardiac arrhythmias and pacing; acute coronary syndromes; heart failure; and stable coronary artery disease. The articles represented recent, select research that had driven clinical advances in those six major topic areas. The content was educative and clinically relevant.

For the second year in row, the Egyptian Heart Journal is publishing the Almanac. The 2012 Almanac includes five

articles: risk scores; adult cardiac surgery; congenital heart disease; cell therapy; and intervention. They represent state-of-the-art cardiovascular science. I hope the readers of our journal find them useful to their practice.

The Egyptian Heart Journal will continue to publish the highest quality material, both clinical and scientific, on all aspects of cardiovascular medicine. We are determined to enhance and consolidate the educational section in the journal both independently and in collaboration with our partners and friends in the European Society of Cardiology. This is our mission!

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